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SUBJECT: R/V CHAIN ACOUSTIC RESEARCH ADJACENT TO ELEUTHERA

1. THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION WORKING UNDER AN OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH CONTRACT IS CONDUCTING A RESEARCH CRUISE BY R/V CHAIN FROM 15 AUG 1974 TO 19 NOV 1974 WHICH WILL INCLUDE, DURING THE PERIOD 27 AUG TO 20 SEPT, CERTAIN ACOUSTIC WORK ADJACENT TO ELEUTHERA IN THE VICINITY OF 25 DEGREES 18'N, 76 DEGREES 10'W.

2. THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS CRUISE INVOLVES CONDUCTING A LONG RANGE ECHO SOUNDING EXPERIMENT ALONG THE BLAKE-BAHAMA
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PLATE, A TEST DEPLOYMENT AND RECOVERY OF A MODIFIED

ACOUSTIC DATA ACQUISITION (ACODAC) BUOY, AND A SURVEY OF BOTTOM BATHYMETRY ALONG THE ELEUTHERA SHELF. THE SECOND PHASE CALLS FOR THE SETTING OF AN ACOUSTIC SOURCE AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO ACODAC BUOYS 200 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF ELEUTHERA, DEPLOYMENT AND SURVEY OF A PULSE DOPPLER NAVIGATIONAL NET, CONDUCT OF A LONG-RANGE COHERENCE EXPERIMENT, AND CONDUCT OF A SALINITY-TEMPERATURE-DEPTH (STD) TOW ALONG THE ELEUTHERA-BERMUDA VECTOR.

3. WHILE THE ACOUSTICS EXPERIMENTS WILL BE SET UP ON THE SHELF BETWEEN THE 500 AND 1000 METER CONTOUR OUTSIDE OF THE THREE-MILE LIMIT, THE R/V CHAIN MAY BE REQUIRED TO COME CLOSER THAN THREE MILES FROM THE BAHAMIAN COAST DURING THE

SURVEY PHASE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDED EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, REQUEST THAT YOU EXPLAIN THE FOREGOING TO THE GCOB, REGRET SHORT NOTICE, AND SEEK GENERAL PERMISSION FOR POSSIBLE PENETRATION OF BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS BY R/V CHAIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS PROJECT. OF COURSE, R/V CHAIN HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY PENETRATION OF BAHAMIAN WATERS UNLESS AND UNTIL CLEARANCE IS RECEIVED, AND YOU MAY ASSURE GCOB THAT DATA RESULTING FROM R/V CHAIN'S WORK WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GCOB IF DESIRED. KISSINGER

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